

school, and parent recruitment activities, both scheduled to begin in the fall of 2019. These activities include collecting student rosters and selecting the base-year full scale sample. Approval for the base-year field test recruitment activities was received in December 2018 (OMB #1850-0944 v.1). Approval for the base-year full scale study data collection will be requested in a separate submission in early 2020.

Dated: May 15, 2019.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2018-ICCD-0133]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a new information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 20, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2018-ICCD-0133. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance

Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9089, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Melanie Ali, 202-245-8345.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Assessing Evidence of Effectiveness in Adult Education.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-NEW.

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 60.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 27.

*Abstract:* Title II of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014 mandates a National Assessment of Adult Education. As part of the assessment, ED is conducting a feasibility study to determine whether specific adult education approaches could be rigorously evaluated at this time. If such approaches are identified, ED may elect to conduct effectiveness studies in a subsequent phase of the national assessment.

The feasibility study, which is the focus of this clearance package, will

draw on interviews with directors of WIOA-funded adult education programs that currently implement, or that could implement, one of a number of approaches that ED has prioritized. If any of the proposed studies proceed, revised clearance packages will be submitted for data collections not covered under this request.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2019-ICCD-0024]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; EZ-Audit: Electronic Submission of Financial Statements and Compliance Audits**

**AGENCY:** Federal Student Aid (FSA), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 20, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2019-ICCD-0024. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. If the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) site is not available to the public for any reason, ED will temporarily accept comments at [ICDocketMgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketMgr@ed.gov). Please include the docket ID number and the title of the information collection request when requesting documents or submitting comments. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance

Division, U.S. Department of Education, 550 12th Street SW, PCP, Room 9086, Washington, DC 20202-0023.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Beth Grebeldinger, 202-377-4018.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* EZ-Audit: Electronic Submission of Financial Statements and Compliance Audits.

*OMB Control Number:* 1845-0072.

*Type of Review:* An extension of an existing information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Private Sector; State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 6,100.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 2,491.

**Abstract:** eZ-Audit is a web-based process designed to facilitate the submission of compliance and financial statement audits, expedite the review of those audits by the Department, and provide more timely and useful information to public, non-profit and proprietary institutions regarding the Department's review. eZ-Audit establishes a uniform process under which all institutions submit directly to the Department any audit required

under the Title IV, HEA program regulations. eZ-Audit continues to have minimal number of financial template line items and general information questions. There has been no change to the form or method of submission.

Dated: May 15, 2019.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Notice of Availability of Guidance and Application for Hydroelectric Incentive Program

**AGENCY:** Water Power Technologies Office, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of guidance and open application period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) gives notice of updated guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 program. The guidance describes the hydroelectric incentive payment requirements and explains the type of information that owners or authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities must provide DOE when applying for hydroelectric incentive payments. This incentive is available for electric energy generated and sold for a specified 10-year period as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005. In Congressional appropriations for Federal fiscal year 2019, DOE received funds to support this hydroelectric incentive program. At this time, DOE is only accepting applications from owners and authorized operators of qualified hydroelectric facilities for hydroelectricity generated and sold in calendar year 2018.

**DATES:** DOE is currently accepting applications from May 21, 2019 through June 20, 2019. Applications must be sent to [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov) by midnight EDT, June 20, 2019, or they will not be considered timely filed for calendar year 2018 incentive payments.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are to submit applications electronically to: [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). DOE's guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions may be addressed to Corey Vezina, U.S. Department of Energy,

Golden Field Office, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401, (240) 562-1382 or by email at: [hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov](mailto:hydroincentive@ee.doe.gov). Further instruction can be found in the guidance posted at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>. *Electronic communications are recommended for correspondence and required for submission of application information.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005; Pub. L. 109-58), Congress established a new program to support the expansion of hydropower energy development at existing dams and impoundments through an incentive payment procedure. Under Section 242 of EPAct 2005, the Secretary of Energy is directed to provide incentive payments to the owner or authorized operator of qualified hydroelectric facilities for energy generated and sold by a qualified hydroelectric facility for a specified 10-year period (See 42 U.S.C. 15881). The 2019 Consolidated Appropriations Act authorized funding for the Section 242 program for conventional hydropower under EPAct 2005. In FY 2019, DOE allocated \$6.6M for this purpose.

Recently DOE made minor updates to clarify its Guidance for the Energy Policy Act of 2005 Section 242. The April 2019 Guidance is available at: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/water/water-power-funding-opportunities>. Each application will be reviewed based on the Guidance. The majority of the Guidance changes were minor and involved edits such as consistently referring to the facilities at issue as "hydroelectric generation facility" or moving existing Guidance to a different portion of the Guidance to improve clarity. For example, the "Added" definition was formerly contained in the "Qualified hydroelectric facility" definition but is now a standalone definition.

The description of how DOE calculates incentive payments was moved from the "Qualified-kilowatt-hours (kWh)" definition to a new "Payment Calculation" and equation in Section V. This section and equation reflect how DOE has been calculating incentive payments since the Department started receiving appropriations for this program and was added to the Guidance this year to increase transparency. The Guidance clarifies that the inflation adjustment required at 42 U.S.C. 15881(e)(2) is made in accordance with data similar to that used by the Internal Revenue Service in its annual Publications of Inflation Adjustment Factor and Reference Prices for other code sections